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Reply to Office Action of June 22, 2009

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In re application of:

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Serial No.: 10/553,133

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For: FLAT-FOLDABLE FACE-MASK AND PROCESS OF MAKING SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Amended claim 1) A flat-folded personal respiratory face mask comprising:
- a first portion and a second portion, connecting with each other along at least one common edge, flat-foldable along the common edge. Said common edge connects to a wearer's nose bridge and chin;
 - securing means to secure said ~~first and second portions~~ face mask on the face of a wearer, the securing means being fixed ~~to~~ along said common edge and;
 - thereby forming an effective respiratory seal as the wearer inhales and releasing the respiratory seal as the wearer exhales, the securing means attaching to the face mask at a location substantially away from the periphery of the face mask ~~to provide a holding force therefrom;~~ and
 - filtering means associated with the first and second portions for filtering inhaled air.

Claim 2 has been dropped

2. (Amended claim 3) A flat-folded face mask as claimed in claim 2 1 wherein said essential area is adaptive to an extensive range of face sizes which is defined by eye-to-chin distance at least ranging from ~~at least~~ 94mm to 114 mm ~~as shown in figure 16 and figure 17~~
3. (Amended claim 4) A flat-folded face mask as claimed in claim 1 wherein said securing means comprises an elastic headband or ear loop.